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FRAMING WITH STAGGERED TEETH NAILS  
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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following.

**Amendment to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.